

THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHISM

conclave, found him surrounded by the Romans who had accompanied him, "totus laetus et hilaris," and still (so he asserts) keeping up the fiction that Tebaldeschi was Pope. But, when left alone with Alfonso and Fernando Perez, he explained that, by his means, the Archbishop of Bari had been unanimously elected as true Pope, and that the Cardinal of St. Peter's had been enthroned simply for fear of the people.¹ He further told him that the new pontiff was in hiding for fear—which the Cardinal may well have believed, but which was by no means the case.

Bartolommeo Prignano had remained in the Vatican, with Cardinal Tebaldeschi and a few Italian prelates. He had had no official notification of his election, but Giovanni Cenci and the Bandaresi had already greeted him as Pope, and were busily calming the minds of the Romans. The storm had, indeed, completely subsided, and the following morning, Friday, April 9, found Rome at peace. Tommaso Petra tells us that, at daybreak, Alfonso da Vadaterra sent to him in the name of the Cardinal de Luna, asking him to go at once to Bartolommeo, to assure him from the Cardinal that he was as truly Pope as St. Peter, and that he had received a promise from influential persons of a place of safety and a sufficient force of armed men to bring him wherever he pleased. To this Bartolommeo answered that he was not afraid, and that there was no need of such an offer, for he wished to see his children freely and had no thought of leaving them, but he thanked the Cardinal for his solicitude.² The Cardinal had mistaken the situation ; the new Pope and the representatives of the Roman People were united against such intervention. Either freely or under pressure from Cenci and the Bandaresi, all the cardinals who had remained in the city came to the Vatican, followed (after some negotiation and attempted evasion) by the six who had taken refuge in Sant' Angelo. When Pedro de Luna arrived, Bartolommeo said that he did not mean to be deceived, and bade him tell him if he

¹ Raynaldus, vii p. 378.

³ Testimony of Tommaso Petra, *Archivio Vaticano*, LIV. 17, f. 80.